

For the Home Dressmaker

DAINTY MODELS ARE SEEN AT SUMMER GARDEN PARTIES



Mid-Season Gowns Worn at Fashionable Affairs Held Out of Doors.

FASHIONABLE garden parties each year bring out some dainty models for the mid-summer gown.

At a recent smart affair of the kind some new points were gathered up which may help out the home dressmaker with a warm weather gown yet to be made.

Brodrie Anglaise, used as a trimming, was greatly in evidence. The liking for this new (or rather revised) garniture has been growing steadily since its recent introduction. Some exceedingly good effects are worked out with it.

It is occasionally used for blouses or entire gowns, but the price (in the neighborhood of \$5 a yard) makes it out of the question for the majority of us to employ it in that way.

White china silk, of which several dainty affairs were noted, makes an ideal midsummer dress for either indoor or open air occasions.

Although more expensive in the beginning than the cotton weaves, it requires no trimming outside of the usual tucks or shirrings—an important consideration in these days when the trimmings cost more than the gown.

It is only of late that china silk has begun to come in again. The girl who had a costume of it when it was fashionable some years ago can remodel the suit, if the material is still good, and have a thoroughly modern frock.

A couple of graceful frocks in white voile were remarked among the lighter textures. This material makes a very good choice for any one who expects to vacation at some northern resort, where the climate is cooler than with us.

Many of the parasols seen matched the frocks with which they were carried. In some of them the material was the same as that of the gown, while in others the lace or embroidered effects of the costume were continued over a surface matching it in color.

Most of the millinery seen consisted of those lovely soft hats in white silk, veiling, tulle or lace, made over frames.

In several of them pleated ruffles of the material drooped an inch or two over the edge of the brim, framing and softening the face.

Wide valenciennes lace tucked, shirred or laid in superimposed flounces over the brim, formed both covering and trimming for an exquisite little imported hat.

The Very Newest Thing Seen in the Shops, as Well as Novelties from the World Over.

A CHARMING gift for a young mother is the new nursery stand with two pink and white toilet sets. The set consists of wash bowl, pitcher and a number of small dishes intended to hold the dainty things which go to make up a baby's toilet. Some of these stands are made in this country, but the most complete outfit comes from Europe. These European affairs include a double bowl, two pitchers, and a little swinging bowl arranged on two nickel brackets. Children, animals and birds frolic over the surface of the china in attractive designs. If the baby is a little girl the dainty accessory will probably continue in use for many years.

Belt and collar pins in the shape of harness buckles make popular shirt waist sets. These are made with joint and catch on the back. This eliminates the necessity of buttonholes.

Shepherd checks of black and white, blue and white and green and white are more in vogue than ever. Taffetas, foulards, fine English woolsens, Scotch gingham—indeed, every weave. For the

wools the popular style is the walking length skirt, coat thirty-six to forty-eight inches long, made either cutaway or Norfolk with belt. The shirt waist suit, with kilt walking length skirt, is the model usually selected for the silks and cottons.

One of the latest ice cream freezers makes the delicacy possible without churning. The ingredients are mixed as if for freezing by the old-fashioned method. The can is then surrounded with ice and in an hour's time the cream is ready to serve. The magic is wrought by the non-conducting properties of a fibre pail outfit, the outfit ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$2.50.

An acceptable change from the usual dinner bell is being offered by dealers in Japanese goods. "Concord of Sweet Sounds" is produced by pieces of brass which are suspended over a flask-shaped chamber of brass in such a way as to form a little musical instrument.

Semi-made apparel for women is increasing, both as to quality and variety in the shops. The most

recent innovations are white silk robes with skirts half made and waists outlined. All the garnitures come with the robe.

Small hats are the millinery of the hour in Paris. Almost everything in the line of headwear is of modest size. One pretty exception to the general rule is large hats with strings of chiffon to tie under the chin. Only a young and good looking woman can venture upon a bonnet of this kind.

The vogue of large collars, capes and stole effects is increasing. Most of the incoming styles in gowns show one of these three trimmings—or a suggestion of it. For a tailor gown a stiff collar with small cravat of velvet ribbon is exceedingly smart.

The little sachets worn with high corsets are now fitted out with a little case in which one's jewels can be tucked away safely while traveling. Dotted Swiss or china silk are popular as materials for the bow sachets.

Ghent blue is the name given to a new shade

of writing paper, which is meeting with favor.

"Underglaze," another new paper with a specially good writing surface, is suited to either business or personal correspondence.

Figured haircloth is coming into general use as a covering for Chippendale or colonial mahogany furniture for the library or dining room. It is very clean and durable. The usual color is dark green. It also comes in terra cotta.

A Paris novelty whose usefulness should make it a staple article in the sewing room is the little silk-covered hook and eye. It comes in every ordinary color and shade, so that the material of any dress can be matched.

A new porcelain dinner ware of English manufacture has a decoration in a pretty shade of blue (underglaze) on a colonial shape. It is cool and fresh looking; a good choice for the country house or seashore cottage.

Chestnut wood gilded is much used now for

framing Braun photographs. Dark wood frames are still much in demand for the same purpose, as many photographic reproductions of the old masters require them.

Women are buying the high colored Hungarian embroidered doilies, scarfs and centerpieces. They cut out the embroidered designs and apply them to shirtwaists or linen dresses. They are smart and original.

Have you seen the new souvenir pocket knife, made of magnetic razor steel? Each blade is a magnet. Independence hall, old Liberty bell and George Washington are some of the designs on the handles.

One of the prettiest models in handkerchiefs is a French importation, with an artistic medallion in the corner. Space enough is left within the medallion for embroidering one's monogram.

Lace effects in the fabric gloves of the longer lengths are popular for wear with the shot-sleeved afternoon frocks.